

1 Interview Summaries

1.1 City of Calais

Interview Type	Telephone, Municipality
Interview Location	
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Staff Size (approx)	No full time GIS staff
Budget (approx)	none
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1.1.1 Overview

The city of Calais has approximately 1500 parcels. These are shown on 37 paper tax maps. The assessor is currently digitizing the tax maps with the help of Aerial Survey and Photo of Norridgewock. No information was available on this project because the assessor is out on medical leave.

The city does not have a planning or an engineering department. These tasks are outsourced.

The city is a member of the Washington County Council of Governments.

1.1.2 GIS Initiatives

1.1.2.1 Overview of GIS Utilization

No current GIS utilization.

1.1.2.2 GIS Operating Environment and Infrastructure

- PCs run Windows 95
- No network, files are moved from machine to machine via floppy disk
- No GIS software
- Some PCs have dial-up internet access

1.1.2.3 GIS Data Resources and Requirements

1.1.2.3.1 Spatial Data

Existing data sets include:

No existing digital data sets.

Currently unavailable but desired data sets include:

Parcels

Roads

1.1.2.3.2 Attribute Data

CAMA system is Trio.

A permitting database was developed in house and runs in DOS. The data stored includes the parcel number thus these data could potentially be linked to a parcel data layer.

1.1.2.4 GIS Applications and Application Requirements

Planned future GIS activity and applications:

There are no planned GIS activities.

1.1.3 Other Relevant Issues

- The city is aware of the E911 project and would like access to that data
- There are no privacy issues with sharing data; the city would be willing to put data on a state-wide server
- Funding is a large issue for the city. The city would be more likely to make an investment in GIS if there were matching funds available from the state.

1.1.4 Major Benefits and Cost Justification

The City is in need of education about the basics of GIS. Staff are aware of GIS but are not very clear on the benefits to municipal operations. Staff also need access to GIS software and training.